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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits of the case, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification (clean copy as amended)

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 22 and 23 with the following:

Application of the composite cemented carbide roll of the invention as a work roll for a hot roughing mill with an outside diameter within a range of from 500 to 1,500 mm ensures a remarkable improvement of size and shape control property by reduction of thermal crown as compared with the conventional steel roll.

